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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

HOBBS, GEORGE BRADLEY

Examiner

Jean Janvier

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 and 38-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 and 38-40 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Response To Applicant's Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to the claimed invention have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-34, drawn to a method of and a system for receiving by a print processing system (print server or print processing facility) a print job ticket for a print job, having associated therewith print attributes such as the number of copies, a printing layout, a printing quality, etc., from a client, wherein the print processing system (print server) processes the received print job ticket or print job (request) while retrieving from its database a registered or stored advertisement, on the basis of the print job attributes and displaying it on the client's monitor or screen.
- II. Claims 38-40, drawn to a method of and a system for storing a plurality of advertisements in a database related to a print processing system **wherein each stored or registered advertisement has a profile associated therewith,** receiving by the print processing system (print server or print processing facility)

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a print job ticket for a print job, having associated therewith print attributes such as the number of copies, a printing layout, a printing quality, etc., from a client, wherein the print processing system (print server) processes the received print job ticket or print job (request) while retrieving from its database a registered or stored advertisement and displaying the retrieved advertisement on the client's monitor or screen **based upon the print job associated attributes and the advertisement profile (targeted advertisement).**

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I and II are related as combination and subcombination. Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05(c)). In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because displaying on the client's monitor a retrieved advertisement, on the basis of the print job associated attributes, by the print processing while processing a print job ticket (print job request) does not necessarily require the displayed advertisement to be a targeted advertisement (i.e. having a profile), as recited in claims 34-40 (the subcombination has a separate utility).

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Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have different scope (and Group II requires additional search), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean Janvier whose telephone number is 571-272-6719. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thur 9:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eric W. P. Stamber can be reached on 571-272-6724. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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JEAN D. JANVIER
PRIMARY EXAMINER

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jean Janvier", written over the printed name and title.

Jean Janvier
Examiner
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